GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

KRISHNA HARATI Scheme(KHS) – Arrangements at Vijayawada – Certain guidelines – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDTS.II) DEPAERTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.258 Dated:20.06.2016.

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O R D E R:

India is a sacred land where people have been worshipping nature in various forms. For a long time, as a mark of bhakti, Harati is being given to mother Ganga at Kashi. Similarly for the sacred river Godavari, which is the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh, the Harati ritual is being performed for quite some time. The Endowments Department has partnered with a Non Governmental organization and co-hosting this ritual every day since June 2015. This public private partnership in conducting the sacred ritual to river Godavari at Pushkar Ghat in Rajamahendravaram has been highly successful and well appreciated by the public. Keeping the success of Godavari Harati in view, the Government has decided to pay a similar obeisance to River Krishna. Accordingly, the following broad guidelines are being issued to Commissioner, Endowments for implementation of the Krishna Harati Scheme (KHS):

1. Henceforth Krishna Harati will be given every day in the evening soon after sunset on the banks of Krishna river at Vijayawada.
2. The expenditure on this account will be borne in the ratio of 75:25 by Sri Durga Malleswra Swamy Temple and D.V.R Foundation, a local NGO, as suggested by the Commissioner of Endowments. The Commissioner, Endowments and Executive Officer of the temple will finalise the expenditure to be incurred every day on this activity in consultation with D.V.R Foundation. Every year this amount can be revised through mutual consultation.
3. The Executive Officer, Durga Malleswara Swamy temple shall make arrangements for the safe keep of the various materials used for the Harati in safe custody in the nearby local temple.
4. The Executive Officer shall make arrangements for providing a dress change room for the purohits who will be participating in the Harati regularly.

I. ROLE OF The Executive Officer, SRI DURGA MALLESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE, VIJAYAWADA:-

The Executive Officer of the temple shall take the following steps.

A. He shall create a separate Trust as per proper procedure for Krishna Harati.
B. He is permitted to receive donations for the following Sevas for performing Nitya harati and to deposit the amount as corpus in a Nationalised Bank duly opening a new account in the name of Krishna Harati Trust (KHT):

(in Rupees)

1	Nitya Harati on ordinary days (one day)	1000-00
2	Nitya Harati on auspicious days (one day)	2000-00
3	Saswatha Nitya Harati for any one day every year for 15 years	25,000-00
4	One month Nitya Krishna Harati in Kartheeka masam or on any other Telugu month	25,000-00

C. The Executive Officer in consultation with Commissioner of Endowments may consider revising these rates after three years depending on merits.
D. Gotra Nama Puja and Aseervachanam after the Harati should be given to the donors. An electronic display board should be erected by the Executive

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Officer to display the names of donors of the harati for the day.

E. Issue acknowledgment receipts, for the donations received by the Krishna Harati Trust, Vijayawada. All donations shall be received only online or through cheques/DD only. No cash transactions will be permitted.
F. Executive Officer shall create a new page in the Sri Durga Malleswra Temple Web-site for Krishna Harati Trust within 30 days and report compliance.
G. The Executive Officer shall make temporary arrangements and set up a good sound and lighting system. Once the Pavitra Sangham area is fully developed proper arrangements can be made on a permanent basis by taking assistance of professionals in those fields.

The resources raised through sale of the Harati tickets shall be deposited in the KHT account and be treated as a corpus. The interest amount generated on the corpus may be used to meet Harati expenses.

II. ROLE OF Sri D.V.R Foundation:

1. Sri DVR Foundation will be overall responsible for conducting the Harati every day.
2. The Foundation will procure all the necessary hardware (puja equipment) as a one time effort from its own funds as also all consumable items connected with the ritual on a regular basis.
3. The Foundation will be responsible for hiring adequate number of Purohits and ensure that there is no interruption to giving Krishna Harati even for one day.
4. The Foundation will provide specially designed traditional dress to the Purohits and also the support staff assisting them.
5. Remuneration of the Purohits who will perform the rituals will be paid by the Foundation only. They will not be on the pay rolls of the temple.
6. DVR Foundation will furnish a brief report to the Executive Officer of Sri Durga Malleswra Swamy Devasthanam once every month certifying that the Harathi has been given regularly on all days of the month.
7. The Executive Officer of Sri Durga Malleswra Swamy Devasthanam will release temple's share of the expenditure before 10th of every succeeding month.

III. ROLE OF IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT:

1. The Irrigation Department will permit the E.O., Sri Durga Malleswra Swamy temple and Sri DVR Foundation to make necessary arrangements near the Pavitra Sangham ghat that is being built newly and enable the Harati ritual to be performed regularly.
2. The Irrigation department will provide 2 punts free from 15th July, 2016 onwards for conducting the Harati. The public will be seated at the ghats being developed there.

IV. ROLE OF TOURISM & I&PR DEPARTMENTS:

1. The Tourism Department will be asked to include the Harati program in their tourist Itinerary while designing package tours in Vijayawada city.
2. Tourism Department and I&PR Department will also give wide publicity to this event.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OFANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Managing Trustee, Sri DVR Foundation, Vijayawada.
The Principal Secretary, YAT&C Department, AP Secretariat.
The Principal Secretary, I&CAD Department, AP Secretariat.
The Principal Secretary, I&PR Department, AP Secretariat.
The Collector, Krishna District.
The Commissioner of Endowments, AP Hyderabad.
The Special Officer concerned, Krishna Pushkaram

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